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NATIONAL BANK IN A BAD HOLE

(Associated Press.)

SOMERSWORTH (N. H.), Dec. 16.—An unexpected visit of Bank Examiner Bean at the First National bank here today, uncovered a defalcation estimated by the examiner at \$85,000. Immediately following the discovery Fred M. Varney, the cashier, was arrested.

Examiner Bean, in notifying the comptroller, said he considered the bank solvent, but the directors said they could not make up the shortage. It is expected the institution will liquidate. The bank closed so quickly that no attempt could be made to withdraw money. Varney has been cashier since 1897. The cashier made a confession today stating he lost the money in speculation and that nobody else is implicated. He was arraigned before the United States commissioner, pleaded not guilty of embezzlement, and is held under \$10,000 bonds.

LOOKING INTO THE ACCIDENT

COLON, Dec. 15.—The explosion Saturday at Bas Obispo was the most serious accident in connection with the building of the Panama canal since the United States took control. A thorough investigation has been ordered, and already officials are taking evidence, endeavoring to ascertain the cause of the premature discharge.

For a space of 800 feet in length and 400 feet in width the Bas Obispo cut presents a graphic picture of the terrible effects of the explosion. The whole hillside has been devastated, the dynamite rendering the earth and tossing boulders in all directions.

A ninety-ton steam shovel lies a complete wreck, crushed under the weight of falling rock. Every one of the crew was killed. All the tracks in this section were torn to pieces and are now covered with tons of debris.

A long time will be necessary to take away the great heaps of earth and rocks in search for the buried dead. Hundreds of men were on the scene working heroically to find the bodies of their dead comrades. Many evidences of the terrible force were seen, as here and there pieces of flesh and bone are turned over with pick or shovel.

The charge consisted of fifty-one holes sixty feet deep and spread out over a large section of territory. The last hole was being charged by John J. Reidy, an experienced powder man, when it exploded.

WILSON GETS THE BLAME

(By Associated Press.)

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 16.—J. Walter Wilson, the friend and business associate of Harry J. Boas, the young electrician who died two weeks ago after taking some powders received by him through the mails with directions to use them for stomach trouble, was this evening charged with the murder of Boas by the coroner's jury, which returned a verdict finding that Boas came to his death from strychnine poisoning, and that the poison was sent him through the mails by Wilson.

Try out your own port and sherry wines at \$2.00 per gallon. H. J. Galt & Co.

A Lively Day Wednesday in Russian Douma

(By Associated Press.)

ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 16.—During an exciting session of the douma this afternoon Nikola A. Khomayakoff, president of the douma, resigned. Late tonight there is still much uncertainty as to the president's position, as he did not present his resignation to the chancellor of the douma where, it was declared, the incident might be regarded as closed. Possibly therefore it may be reconsidered. The excitement arose over the discussion of the government bill granting a credit of \$500,000 for the benefit of employees of the prisons' administration, who were victims of outrages while on duty, or their families. The Socialists and laborites boldly denounced the administration and the inquisitorial torturing methods applied to political prisoners. Deputy Rosanoff asserted that as a result of rigorous rule 6 per cent of the prisoners died of consumption. The Right deputies angrily protested against this, whereupon Rosanoff declared the Rightists possess less honor than do Russian convicts on the eve of execution. President Khomayakoff called upon Rosanoff to withdraw this expression, which the latter did to the satisfaction of the president, but the Rightists quit the house in a body and went to the president's room, where they insisted Rosanoff must apologize. Thereupon Khomayakoff resigned.

MORE ABOUT TRANSFER OF CANAL ZONE

(Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—The president today sent to congress a letter of the secretary of war transmitting memorandum prepared by Judge Charlton of the bureau of insular affairs, and Richard Rogers, general counsel of the Isthmian canal commission, bearing further on the charges that Americans were interested in the Panama canal property at the time of its purchase by the United States. The memorandum states that at the time the property was transferred it included the so-called archives, and they are now in the possession of this government. An examination of the archives shows that neither at the time of the first examination nor now, were there any list of stockholders in the old or new Panama Canal company, except those contained in the formal minutes. Minutes of the last meeting prior to the transfer of the property were not contained in the archives surrendered, and law officers say the United States government has no concern in them. It is believed to be impossible therefore to gather from the records the names of any Americans, if any were profited by the sale of the property.

THE TARIFF IS NOW THE MAIN ISSUE

(By Associated Press.)

NEW YORK, Dec. 16.—President-elect Taft was a guest of honor at the twenty-third annual dinner of the Ohio Society of New York, which was held in the Astor gallery of the Waldorf-Astoria hotel. Taft took advantage of the occasion in a speech filled with more earnestness than any he has delivered since the election to pledge his administration and party so far as he can control it to loyal adherence to the Chicago platform. He dwelt almost wholly upon revision of the tariff, which he singled out as the most important declaration made at the last national convention.

SOLDIERS OF FOREIGN LEGION HOLD UP TRAIN

Fifty French Soldiers With Fixed Bayonets in Strange Escapade.

ORAN (Algeria), Dec. 16.—Soldiers of the foreign legion, numbering about fifty, with fixed bayonets, held up a train recently on its way to this city. General Charles L. Vigy, the French commandant of infantry, who was aboard the train, alighted and addressed the men, urging them to remain loyal. No attempt was made to rob the train or molest the passengers and the motive of the strange escapade is a mystery. The men listened to the general and departed. Some have since been arrested and others are wandering in the country districts.

ORANGE GROWER FATALLY SHOOT

Dead Man's Wife Sought Relative's Protection and Killing Follows.

PORTERVILLE, Dec. 16.—T. T. Bowling was shot and instantly killed today by his brother-in-law, Otis Bruff, at the latter's home. Bowling is alleged to have mistreated his wife, who left her husband and went to the home of her brother several days ago.

GOVERNMENT RECORDS DESTROYED BY FIRE

(By Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—Government records, maps, charts and photographs valued at more than \$20,000 were destroyed tonight in a fire which broke out in the United States geological survey building.

VENEZUELA MAY HAVE REVOLUTION

(Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—Through American Counsel Cheney at Curacao the state department today received the first official information of events in Caracas. The dispatch said Caracas seemed to be on the verge of a revolution, and attempts were made to burn President Castro's residence. The dispatch spoke of an attack on the office of El Constitucional, where several persons were killed and property destroyed. The impression conveyed is that students were leading the rioters.

BROTHER CHARLES RUNNING

(By Associated Press.)

NEW YORK, Dec. 16.—It was authoritatively announced tonight that the offer of a cabinet position to Congressman Theodore Burton of Cleveland, Ohio, has been withdrawn by Taft, and would not be renewed. Burton had been mentioned as the probable secretary of the treasury. This statement followed a conference of Taft with several Republican leaders from Ohio. Burton, it is now believed, will make an active contest in the Ohio senatorial campaign. Charles P. Taft is also a candidate for the senate to succeed Senator Foraker.

DAMFOOLISH COMPANY HAS BEEN FORMED

(By Associated Press.)

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 16.—A company known as the Aeronautic Navigation company was formed here today, which has for its purpose the operation of balloons between this city and San Diego to carry passengers. The organizers of the company say they are serious in their purpose of carrying passengers by balloon between the two cities, and expect to secure many passengers because of the novelty, rapid time they make, and absolute safety.

DYING MILLIONAIRE SETS FIRE TO WEALTH

Russian Money King Burns Entire Fortune and Congratulates Relatives.

LONDON, Dec. 16.—A special dispatch from St. Petersburg to the Daily Mail states that a dying Moscow millionaire named Peteroff had his whole fortune withdrawn from the bank and the bank notes brought to the sickroom. They were then pulled before him and set on fire. Peteroff then called his relatives and showed them what he had done, congratulating them on escaping from the evils of wealth.

INSANE MAN MAKES ESCAPE FROM ASYLUM

HELENA (Mont.), Dec. 16.—Leo Beesaw, who was recently sent to Warm Springs to the insane asylum escaped from that institution Tuesday, but nothing has been given out until today. Beesaw was charged with highway robbery, but acted so queerly it was decided to make an examination as to his sanity. He was adjudged insane and sent to the asylum by Dr. King and Dr. Barbour.

Judge Clemens of the district court said tonight if Beesaw was not insane he was an excellent actor. Beesaw is alleged to have robbed two men at the point of a revolver some time in September. He was arrested and positively identified by the men who were robbed.

ARIZONA GOT BIG RAINFALL

(By Associated Press.)

PHOENIX (Ariz.), Dec. 16.—A two day's rain all over Arizona has swollen most of the rivers to alarming proportions. The Salt and Verde rivers are particularly high. The Verde rose sixteen feet today. During the afternoon water began flowing over the storage dam under construction at Roosevelt, which is now seventy feet high at the lowest end and eighty-five at the other. The town of Roosevelt, formerly on a flat above the dam has been moved to high ground. The crest of the flood is not expected until tomorrow. Three parties are now marooned on islands in the river bed.

TURKEY HAS PARLIAMENT AFTER TODAY

(By Associated Press.)

CONSTANTINOPLE, Dec. 16.—Turkey makes her bow as a full fledged constitutional monarchy tomorrow, when the new parliament holds its first session. This assembly is provided for in the constitution provided by Sultan Abdul Hamid last July, and is the first body of its kind to meet in the empire for over thirty years. Tomorrow is proclaimed a general holiday in honor of the parliament. Congratulatory addresses have been received by the new parliament from both the British parliament and the Russian douma.

HAINS JURY HAS BEEN COMPLETED

(By Associated Press.)

FLUSHING (N. Y.), Dec. 16.—A jury of twelve men has been selected to try Thornton Jenkins Hains, the story writer, as the principal in the killing of William E. Annals, the publisher who was shot to death by Captain Peter Hains, Jr., at the Bayside Yacht club last summer. One hundred and seventeen talesmen were examined before the jury box was filled. The prosecutions' case will be presented by District Attorney Darrin, and it is expected examination of witnesses by both sides will consume at least two or three days.

PRISONER ATTEMPTS TO END LIFE WITH RAZOR

PORTLAND (Ore.), Dec. 16.—

Matt Johnson, on trial for first degree murder, today secured a razor from a trusty on the pretense that he wanted to shave, and immediately slashed his throat, cutting into the windpipe. He was rushed to a hospital, where physicians patched him up so that he was able to appear on the witness stand in his own behalf. Johnson is on trial for the murder of J. F. Holock.